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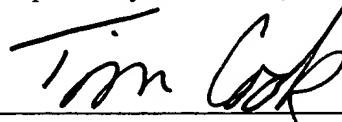
Claims 1-2 and 4-18 remain in this case and all claims stand rejected, claims 19-26 having been canceled by this amendment. The Applicants affirm the election of Group I claims for examination, reserving the right to assert Group II claims in a divisional application.

The Examiner indicated that section headings were required. Clarification is requested since the application submitted by the Applicants included such headings.

The Examiner then indicated the allowability of claims 3, 4, 7, 10, and 15-17. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3, and thus all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully request early allowance. If the Examiner believes that a phone conference would expedite this case to issue, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned. No additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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